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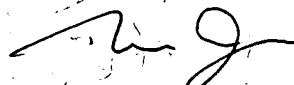
Re: Application Serial No.: 09/849,625  
Confirmation No.: 9504  
Applicants: McGrady, et al.  
Title: Method of Tracking and Dispensing Medical  
Items  
Docket No.: D-1137

Sir:

Please find enclosed Applicants' Response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2004 for filing in the above identified Application.

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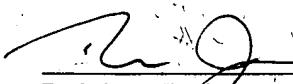
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Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement dated September 7, 2004 is respectfully requested.

**Applicants Provisionally Elect With Traverse**

In response to the Office Action ("Action") dated September 7, 2004 requiring species election, Applicants, as the requirement is best understood, provisionally elect with traverse the alleged Species 5. The Action alleges that Species 5 is drawn to Figure 68. The Office acknowledges that at least independent claim 1 is generic. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 24 and 25 are likewise generic. All claims 1-25 are readable on alleged Species 5.